

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Christmas season is a time to gather with families, go back to the places where we grew up, and rededicate ourselves to what is most important in our lives: our families, our responsibilities, our communities, and our country; and

WHEREAS: As President Calvin Coolidge said after lighting the first National Christmas Tree in 1923, "Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind, to cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy"; and


WHEREAS: As we celebrate this joyous season, we should take the time to remember the true meaning of the holidays by giving generously to those who need it most; and

WHEREAS: I encourage Arkansans to come together to share the spirit of goodwill, to express sincere gratitude for the blessings of life, and to reach out in friendship to our brothers and sisters in the larger family of mankind; and

WHEREAS: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2008, official legal holidays for the State of Arkansas, fall on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, and many families will be travelling to reconnect and share this holiday season with out-of town and out-of-State loved ones;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim that the State Capitol and state offices will be closed on Friday, December 26, 2008, the day after Christmas, in order for State employees to spend this holiday with their loved ones.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2008.


MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR


CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE